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WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, May 16. The Republican National Convention the first in the Presidential campaign, is only three weeks off, but the nomination is still very much in doubt. President Harrison's friends claim his nomination on the first ballot, but the oldtimers do not forget that the friends of President Arthur did exactly the same thing eight years ago, when the circumstances very much resembled those of to-day. It cannot be denied that President Harrison's chances are better than those of any one else, his following being thoroughly organized; nor can it be denied that the opposition to him, although apparently scattered, includes a majority of the shrewdest Convention manipulators of his party, men who are determined to stampede the Convention to some other candidate - Secretary Blaine preferred—if the opportunity occurs, and those who have attended national conventions know that nearly always there is a time previous to the nomination when the Convention can be stampeded through its enthusiasm for some popular man. The prediction is made that either Harrison or Blaine wil be the nominee.

It is possible that a tariff bill putting refined sugar and binding-twine on the free list may shortly pass the Senate. The Democratic Senators all favor it and several of the Republican Senators, including Perkins of Kansas and Cullom of Illinois, have said that if investigations they are now making shall prove the truthfulness of the reported intention of the Binding-Twine Trust to jump the price of that article from 9 to 15 or 16 cents a pound they would support It It all depends upon the truthfulness of that report. If the Binding-Twine Trust really intends to try to rob the farmers in that style it is almost certain that every Western Senator will vote for free binding-twine. The Senate has not made a practice of

either preaching or practising economy to any marked extent, its profession being liberality in dispensing the people's money, while in its practices it has often impressed many people with the idea that it was extravagant. It was therefore all the more unique to hear such eminent Senators of both sides of the political fence as Mr. Cockrell of Missouri and Mr. Sherman of Ohio pleading with the Senate to reject an amendment to the Naval Bill appropriating \$250,000 for a dry dock at Algiers, La., on the ground of economy. Of course the amendment was defeated—it could not stand the combination—as was a similar one offered by Mr. Chandler providing for a dock at Portsmouth, N. H.

According to Senator Gorman, Secre tary Foster was right when he said this was a "billion-dollar country." Gorman says it is necessary for Congressional appropriation to keep pace with the growth of the country, and intimates that he will not be astounded if the total appropriations of the Fiftysecond Congress exceed those of the Fifty-first, which figured in the last campaign as the "billion-dollar Congress." Senator Gorman has, it is believed, taken this method of heading off the charge of extravagance which the Republican press is beginning to make against the Democratic House.

The Commerce Committee of the Senate sugared its adding of more than \$1,000,000 to the already large River and Harbor Bill by announcing that there would be no River and Harbor Bill at the next session.

crease of revenue for the Government will soon be a very live question, al- ease. though few of them are willing to publicly admit as much, because the politicians will not, if they can prevent it, allow this question to enter the Presidential campaign.

did an enormous amount of committee work, taking an unusually active part in discussing various important matters. Saturday morning at 5.30 o'clock he was a corpse. Heart trouble killed him.

ance is strong enough in the Virginia Legislature to elect Senator Barbour's successor if the Governor gives them a chance by calling an extra session to deal with the debt question and fill the

vacancy. The Alliance members of the House, having succeeded in getting the resolution for the investigation of the Pinkertons favorably reported, are now working to get a vote on that resolution. If it has to swait its regular turn on the calendar it will hardly get up at this session; but there are ways to get it up, if the Committee on Rules is favorably disposed.

AT THE THEATRES.

'Wang" at the Broadway. DeWolf Hopper and his merry associates returned to the Broadway Theatre, New York city, last Monday evening for a four weeks' stay, after a series of brilliant performances of "Wang" in the principal cities. They were welcomed by a large and joyous assemblage of enthusiastic friends and admirers, and each member of the company was greeted with great effusion, which showed a keen appreciation of the merits of the performance. In fact, now that "Wang" has reached its 375th presentation it is more amusing than ever. The striking features of the clever production have been made still more effective, the brisk dialogue has gained in pungency, the musical attractions have in no wise lessened, and altogether the operetta is now one of the best, if not the best, of its class. Mr. Hopper made a neat and graceful speech at the close of the first act, expressive of appreciation which had been extended to him and his company by New York audiences and their unqualified delight in returning to that city. The gifts of flowers were on a liberal scale, and before the curtain went up on the first act the immense lobby of the Broadway was indeed a veritable bower of color and fragrance. Among the many beautiful floral offerings was a large horse-shoe composed of roses and other choice exotics, the gift of the Broadway Theatre stage hands to the tall comedian. Mr. Hopper as the impecunious Regent was as amusing and entertaining as ever, while Miss Della Fox was as dainty and attractive in her part of Prince Mataya as when she first captivated metropolitan audiences with her grace and prightliness. Jeannette St. Henry, Anna O'Keele, and Marion Singer were, as before, excellent in their respective roles of Marie, Gillette, and La-Veuve Frimousse. Samuel Reed, Edmund Stanley, Alfred Klein, and Camm Mauvel ably contributed to the general mirthfulness, which continued until the final curtain had fallen. The final representations of "Wang" will be given during the present engagement at the Broadway, and at its close Mr. Hopper will sail for Europe to enjoy a well-earned and merited vacation, returning in ample time to preside at the initial rehearsals of his new opera, now being written by I. Cheever Goodwin and Woolson Morse, which will be produced at the Broadway

The "Ticket-of-Leave-Man" at Miner's. Next week, beginning Tuesday evening, May 24, a brilliant production of the "Ticket-of-Leave-Man" will be the attraction at Miner's Newark Theatre. There will be original scenery and elaborate stage settings. A matinee will be given on Saturday at two o'clock. This will close the regular season at Miner's.

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A crowd soon collected and then Yardmaster George W. Dunn discovered the dude" was John Whitman, known professionally as "Ajax." John wore a big gold medal under his coat and is backed Members of the Senate seem fated to by Richard K. Fox as the strongest man die suddenly. The latest victim was Sen- in the world. He walked up the yard a ator Barbour of Virginia, whose funeral little further and selected car No. 14,took place this afternoon in the Senate | 072, of the Grand Trunk line, for another chamber, in the presence of a large and test. The car weighs 23,550 pounds, but sorrowful crowd, including about every that was not quite enough weight, so the Senator and Representative and promi- young Samson requested two brakemen nent official in this city. Although in and a couple of reporters to get on it. his seventy-second year, Mr. Barbour After they were safely perched on top, was in fairly good health. Friday he he shoved the car along with the great-

Yardmaster Dunn says it takes eight of his men to push the same car Whitman pushed unaided. After the exhibition the strong young man went It is claimed that the Farmers' Alli- down to the central police station and

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gave an exhibition with dambbells in the gymnasium.

He is with the International Vaudevilles and will appear at Waldmann's A Newark Opera-House next week. One of the company who witnessed his "act" told a reporter the show was in a Pensylvania town a few weeks ago and when the curtain dropped had only 15 minutes to catch the train. Whitman, he said, grabbed two trunks at a time and loaded them on the wagon in less than no time, while the driver stood staring with astonishment.

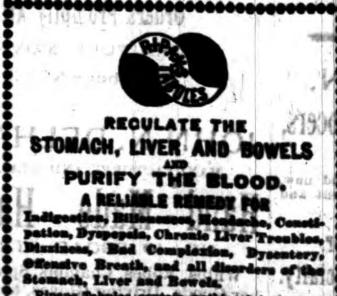
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A small boy, about four years old an well dressed, was picked up at the Broad Street station of the D., L. & W. R. R. in Newark last Saturday afternoon b Policeman McDonald and taken to the Second Prescinct police station. H could only tell that he was called "Foo Foo" by his mamma, and that he had been on a train alone. He was so wel amused in the station that by night he was entirely at home and expressed a desire to remain there. About 11 o'clock he went to sleep on an improvised bed in Captain McManus's room. Meanwhile the stations along the line of the Morris & Essex railroad had been communicated with, and just after midnight Montclair asked for a description of the child. On its being given the little fellow's father, James M. Trimble, telephoned that the child had wandered away from home and that he would drive to Newark at once for him. The little fellow had boarded a train and, as he expressed it, was "goin' to Newark to buy candy."

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